

THE WORLD BANK MOVES IN

Yanks grab Jamaica's mineral wealth

by BILLY STRACHAN

WITH a fanfare of radio, press ballyhoo and glistening new air-lines, U.S.A. businessmen dived in on Jamaica early in 1952, calling themselves the World Bank Mission. They pried into our raw material reserves, insulted our Trade Union leaders, flaunted themselves with grandeur and rode cock-a-hoop through our countryside.

Some months later; nett result:

"143,000 NEW JOBS IF GOVERNMENT CAN FIND £34,324,000"

(headline *Jamaica Times*, 10.1.53)

We will NEVER have £34,324,000 UNTIL we have 143,000 of our unemployed fully occupied in jobs, agricultural or industrial.

The World Bank Mission Report is a study of the latest technique used to confuse colonial people. Today we are all wide awake. A few are lazy and they are therefore easy bait for corruption. They are promised a mess of pottage in return for their birthright, and they succumb.

In Jamaica the Yankee monster is after bauxite, his appetite is insatiable. The machinery in the aluminium plants in the U.S.A. and Canada stands idle if they don't get our red earth. The Bustamente gang in the name of our people have accepted 1/- per ton royalty. What a bargain for capitalism that is moribund in the North American continent and dare not stand up to the inevitable mass unemployment that arises from the sheer inefficiency of a system that cannot provide for mid-20th century standards of living!

World Bank Demands

Four main points stand out in this U.S.

businessmen's Charter for U.S. profits:

- (a) Birth Control and Emigration.
- (b) More taxes for consumers; the majority working people.
- (c) Lower Wages.
- (d) Industrialisation postponed indefinitely.

(a) We are promised—if we can magically conjure the £34 million odd—that there will be 143,000 additional jobs available by 1962. To-day, we have in Jamaica 250,000 unemployed; 150,000 children of school age with—
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For the U.S. business-man, the West Indies are both pleasant and profitable—and who cares about the people who live there? They're just cheap labour to him

St. Vincent bans 'News'

AFTER a previous unsuccessful attempt to ban "Caribbean News," the Administrator in St. Vincent has stepped in with a ban on several publications including "Caribbean News," all publications of the World Federation of Trade Unions, "Thunder," organ of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana, and the "Torch," weekly newspaper of Barbados.

These publications have been banned retroactively according to reports reaching us. This a very dangerous measure, following in the wake of the bans on literature which preceded it in Trinidad and British Guiana.

The Hon. E. T. Joshua, people's elected representative on the Legislative Council, is fighting valiantly against these attacks on the liberties of the people. Protests have been sent to Lyttelton.

Memorial Meeting in TRINIDAD

On the death of Stalin, the West Indian Independence Party of Trinidad sent a cable expressing sympathy to the Soviet Embassy in London. The Party also held a well attended "Stalin Memorial Meeting" in Woodford Square on March 11th.

STRIKERS FIGHT BACK

From DUDLEY MITCHELL Kingston, 2nd. March. (Delayed in transit)

OVER 700 workers, all members of the National Workers' Union, employed by Alumina (Jamaica) Ltd., went on strike two weeks ago demanding wage increases. The strike, called to enforce a demand for a flat 4/- rate per hour for unskilled workers and 10/- for skilled workers, shows no sign of reaching a settlement.

The American Bauxite plunderers bluntly refuse to meet this demand, and are now making a counter-offer of 2/11 per hour for unskilled workers and 4/- for skilled workers. This counter-offer has been flatly rejected by the Union under pressure from the workers.

At the opening of the negotiations last month, the Union was assisted by a representative of I.C.F.T.U. who flew down from Washington specially for the

purpose. Two conferences were held during the last two months which ended in deadlock.

The management subsequently issued a circular disregarding the Union and telling the workers that the rates proposed in the counter-offer would be paid as from the first pay day in March. This anti-Union stand angered the workers, and as a result of the mounting indignation, the Union officials were forced into action.

Workers Militant

The attitude of the Union leaders could be seen when in a half-page advertisement in the "Daily Gleaner" the Managing Director charged the Island Supervisor with agreeing secretly to the issuing of the circular containing the Company's rates to test the reaction of the workers, presumably to sell out the struggle for higher rates. This treacherous attempt, however, has failed; and the workers now take their places militantly on the picket lines where they will remain until their demands are met.

★ MAY DAY GREETINGS

MAY DAY this year will be celebrated by West Indians as a mark of solidarity with workers of other lands in the fight for Peace and National Independence.

Last year we were the largest Colonial group in the memorable demonstration in Coventry.

In the West Indies plans are well on the way to record-breaking demonstrations. While in London we shall be taking part in the great British working class demonstration converging at Hyde Park on Sunday, 3rd May.

This paper sends warmest fraternal greetings on May Day to British and West Indian workers in strengthening the bonds of international working class solidarity.

From TRINIDAD

ON the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of May Day, the West Indian Independence Party of T'dad & Tobago sends fraternal greetings to our comrades in London.

May Day, 1953, finds the West Indian peoples more solidly united in the struggle for Peace and National Independence despite violations of our civil liberties, despite brutal repressions, despite bans on travel and literature, despite the acts of the British Colonial rulers aided by the American magnates aimed at suppressing our just struggle.

Confident of the support and solidarity of the world camp for Peace and Socialism and of other subject colonial peoples, let us West Indians unite more solidly and resolutely to finally expel foreign rule and usher in a new life of Peace and happiness for our peoples.

Long live the UNITY of the West Indian peoples.

Comradely,

JOHN LA ROSE—Prov. Gen. Sec.

For W. E. Burghardt DUBOIS PROFITS:

FORCED LOAN

FOR you who taught me how to know
How reverence Africa my mother
So licensed me
To stand full man with any other
And so stand free
This small token of the debt I owe

LET me exalt you forever praise your name
That you excised my deepest shame
Bondage to the thought of men who hate me
Eat my blood
and to enslave me
Would teach me hate myself
Despise my people's fame.

Peter Blackman.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME ★

NEARLY 500 West Indians and their friends attended the Caribbean Labour Congress (London Branch) Grand Dance at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, 18th April.

World famous Calypsonian Lord Beginner, the Guest Artist, was in top form and everyone gave him a prolonged applause after he sang his "Federation Calypso."

Lord Beginner highlighted the occasion with impromptu calypsos with his audience as the subject. Judging from reports after the dance all had a "great time."

THE Government of Jamaica, under Sir Hugh Foot, advertised for a loan of £3,590,000 on 7th April, 1953.

This is the story.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies "on behalf of the Government of Jamaica" informs us that £840,000 was forwarded by Colonial Government funds.

Here are the promises that were made in our name to the plutocrats who had so much swag that they didn't know what to do with it:

1. To get £100 of stock they need only pay £97 10s.
2. Every £100 stock will earn at the rate of 44%.
3. First £1 10s. of interest on £100 will be paid on 15/10/53.
4. All principal will be repaid not later than 15th April, 1958.

"The loan and the interest thereon, the property of persons not resident in Jamaica, will not be subject to any taxes, duties, or levies by the Government of Jamaica."

A very rash statement; but it did the 'trick' and the loan is reported as twenty times over-subscribed.

But no wonder! The loan is secured on our general revenue and our assets, AND "we" have promised to forego the right to tax or levy any non-resident lenders.

Well, well, well, a Marshall, a Truman or any other pawnbroker couldn't have done better. But it is such a long time to 1978, I wonder...

★ ALUMINIUM Ltd. of CANADA ★

"ALUMINIUM LIMITED OF CANADA and its subsidiaries report a net profit for 1952 of \$22,372,289 or the equivalent of \$2.73 a share after deduction of capital cost allowances (depreciation and depletion) income taxes and all other charges."—*"Times"* (London), 30/3/53.

Dear Fellow workers in Bauxite, (Mackenzie, B.G. or Manchester, Jamaica)—

Letter

CIVIL LIBERTIES

THE Editor :

MR. SYDNEY KING, Schoolteacher, elected member of the Buxton Village Council, Asst. Secretary of the People's Progressive Party and delegate of the British Guiana Peace Committee to the Congress of the People's for Peace held in Vienna, returned home on the 5th March, 1953.

On his arrival at the Airport, Mr. King was subjected to a shameful display of American gangster methods on the part of Her Majesty's Police. Mr. King, immediately upon arrival, was flanked by a Customs Official and a Sub-Inspector of Police, marched to an enclosed room, stripped and searched. His personal possessions were ransacked. Personal documents in his possession, including his private diary and educational material for personal use and for presentation to our Committee and other organisations in the territory, were seized and retained by them. This search lasted nearly two hours.

All his possessions with the exception of a few articles of wearing apparel were placed in his valise which was sealed in his presence. Subsequently, at an interview with the authorities, a list, allegedly of the contents of his valise, was produced by the authorities. Mr. King protested that the seal of his valise must have been broken and the contents examined in his absence. A few days later he was called by the authorities and handed a small parcel of some of his belongings. The greater amount of his property including almost all the literature of an educational nature had been retained by them.

We consider this treatment, usually practised against criminals, an abuse of the rights of the individual and as such, a gross violation of Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations. We are therefore asking your support and help in bringing this latest attack on the Civil Liberties of the people of colonial territories to the National Council of Civil Liberties and other democratic organisations in England.

(Signed) R. WESTMAAS, Secretary.

These are American dollars, an equivalent of £7,500,000 (approx.). Yes sir, and they cannot afford a wage increase to 4/- an hour in Jamaica. Look at the measly royalties paid too!

Did you know that every ounce of aluminium made in Canada comes from West Indian bauxite? Did you know that West Indian bauxite is over 90% of the total world supply available to the Canadian monsters?

We have the whip-hand on this occasion and if a patriotic government holds the whip, we can win untold millions for all the West Indies to enjoy—when we are Federated and Self-Governing.

★ WEST INDIES SUGAR ★

(Controlled by Tate & Lyle Investments Ltd.)

THEY made a quarter of a million pounds nett for the year ending 30th September (£245,734). That is an increase of over £50,000 in one year.

Dear Readers, for those of you who are worrying over Mrs. Tate or Mr. Lyle, the £4 million is AFTER :

£192,521 has been allowed for depreciation
£560,000 has been allowed for taxation.

Now, after paying out the dividend to the idle rich there still remains £144,489 which is "carried forward" towards next year's scoop, unless...!

CARIBBEAN NEWS

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Editorial

Federation

THE West Indian people want independence, that is clear. It is also clear that they see independence in connection with a federated West Indies, this being the framework for a nation able to solve its problems, in addition to ethical, cultural and language

ties.

They have said precisely what they want. The Caribbean Labour Congress, uniting most political bodies and trade unions, at its Second Congress in 1947 in Jamaica, declared unanimously that Federation must involve two basic essentials:

"1. That each of the territories of the Federation must simultaneous with the creation of a Federal structure be granted constitutions substantially similar in character and providing for internal Self-Government.

"2. That the Federal Constitution must provide for Responsible Government equivalent to Dominion Status."

This demand is unmistakable. It does not put forward a plan for "federation" which leaves the individual territories just where they were before and a "federation" which is unable to exercise control over finance, defence, foreign affairs and external trade.

But that is just what Whitehall is holding out to the West Indies, not even right now, but promised for some time in the future. The London "Times" Special Correspondent expressed the view when the talks opened that it is "unlikely that federation as a working plan will be more than a cloud on the horizon for some years to come."

The perspective of a super-federated Crown Colony is what Whitehall is using to try to satisfy the long-cherished desire of West Indians for independence.

Because we have been demanding federation as a necessary step in an independent West Indies, the British Colonial Government thinks it can fool us by foisting upon us the shell without the substance.

But we are no fools. We can see miles off that this "federation" which is being discussed at Carlton House Terrace in London, based on the Rance Report, is designed to make it cheaper for our "benevolent" masters to rob us of our wealth.



THE Federal Government of the Glorified Crown Colony will have to provide the funds to some of the poorer members of the "federation" without being able to control the spending of that money, thus taking the burden off the British Treasury. It should be pointed out, however, that those territories which are at present dependent on grants from the British Exchequer are only in that position because of the conditions in which they are kept by British imperialism. Were they allowed to develop their trade and industry freely the economies of the territories would be far better off than they are now, and would not require imperialist grants.

The aims of the Conference in London, according to the official handouts, are to reach agreement on general principles for federation, and to set up machinery for working out the details afterwards. The talks have been veiled in secrecy, with only meagre releases.

The masses of the West Indian people are not represented at this Conference. Their representatives have been kept out. Such a confab cannot therefore be expected to speak in the true name and interest of the West Indian people. We cannot support the products which may come from such a gathering.

We want federation, but not a "federation" that is used to hamstringing the movement for independence of each territory and consequently of the whole. We say that each territory must get its independence and be able to freely join in a really democratic Federation, by will of the people.

That is the only kind of federation we can fight for. Whitehall's scheme is a fraud!

Youth is determined to defend rights

by J. VASS JACKSON



Because of this we unanimously agreed that youth be given the right to work, which assured human dignity, and that until such work is assured, the granting of unemployment benefits to youth, enabling them to have a normal standard of living. These conditions not to be peculiar to certain sections, but for the youth in every country, including the West Indies, with its thousands of unemployed, unoccupied and frustrated young people.

Education

Today the need for education facilities for young people is a subject of discussion all over the so-called "Free World," where the youth by virtue of their freedom are denied the necessary educational establishments. The viciousness of this system can be observed in the Colonies or in any place within the Capitalist sphere of influence; a study of conditions in England shows in a positive manner the inequalities of the educational system and the suffering of the aspiring youth who fails to qualify in the rare blood group commonly referred to as the Blue Blooded group.

Indonesia with 6,000,000 elementary school kids on the wrong side of the door. Jamaica with 369,000 kids between the ages of 4 and 15 with accommodation for only 137,000. The Sudan, Cyprus, Africa, Latin America with 70,000,000 illiterate. The United States of America with 8,000,000 students abandoning their education annually. They were all discussed by this great and inspiring conference which demanded that the right to general education, free, equal, democratic, without discrimination, should be the inalienable right of the young people.

In a Jungle

The burdens borne by the Colonial people at the behest of foreign exporters of capital, with its inevitable consequences, has deprived these unfortunate peace-loving people of the right to build their own organisations, the right to have their own press, freely to discuss its needs and to unite for their achievements. They are left lost in a jungle of mis-direction, following the guidance of those who prostitute the pen, directing their writing to the enslavement of mind and body.

Of all this we talked, we understood and were disturbed. From many an eye the tears fell unashamedly, faces reflected their new hopes and desire.

Understanding

Vividly I can recall the scene. There we were, gathered together in an atmosphere of friendship and understanding, united in our desire to establish peace, human dignity and love for our fellow men. Young people of all races, colours and religions, having completely different conceptions of the ramifications of political and economic systems, discussing and agreeing on a common aim, blasting to smithereens the oft-expressed opinion that national barriers constitute a threat to international understanding.

Did we invent these crimes against youth which we examined, were we attempting to exploit the evils of Capitalism? On the contrary, we realised that it was wrong for the young Syrian girl to give birth to her child in the field, cutting the umbilical cord with a stone, paying this terrible price merely for being born into a peasant family, deprived of the advantages of medical science, reduced to the category of a wild animal, because no provisions have been made for her in the field of social services.

Right to work

The right to work, this glorious ideal of all young people who hope for the day when they would be engaged at their craft, moulding things of beauty, creating new designs, making new inventions to lighten man's burden and so improving their contributions to a peaceful society, is today being ushered into the dark oblivion, to be replaced by unemployment and hunger preventing the young from advancing, strangling their hopes, extinguishing the flame of hope from their anxious heart.

No apologies

In the commissions the problems were sifted in private meetings with the various delegations. We enquired into the conditions existing in other countries, what was the youths' role in building society, what was the nature of their economy. Explanations to any question about which we were in doubt as to their full meaning, were asked in a spirit of friendship, without hostility or prejudice; our replies were true and honest, no attempt to apologise for things in which we were not in complete agreement.

United

No delegate sought to implant on us their economic and political system, none was ridiculed or laughed at, we were friends united in our desire for peace and prosperity.

No finer words could describe the reason for our meeting and our determination to carry out our decisions that the words written by a Korean youth who died fighting the foreign interventionists. On the pages of his note-book, scarlet with his life blood, he wrote:

"We fight not for ourselves but for the whole world, because we love our freedom dearer than our lives."

Round the Constituencies in B.G. with the People's Progressive Party

From our BRITISH GUIANA Correspondent

THE campaign of the People's Progressive Party is now in full swing, with only a month to go to Polling Day. The Party is contesting 23 of the 24 elected seats, and should do well when the votes are counted if the pre-election tempo is an accurate estimate of what will happen on Election Day.

Janet Jagan, Secretary, and Sydney King, Assistant Secretary of the P.P.P., together with several Party candidates, completed 23 meetings in the Corentyne Berbice District last week.

The response of the people was magnificent. It was noticeable particularly that in the home villages of the candidates the response was overwhelming.

Championed workers' rights

At Adelphi Village, adjoining Plantation Rose Hall in the Canje District, where Ajodha Singh was victimised by the sugar bosses for standing up for the workers' rights, the people are wildly in favour of him. Although Ajodha is being opposed by 7 other candidates, the voters feel he will win.

The concentration of votes in his constituency are in the two sugar plantations where the workers realise the worth of and appreciate their man Ajodha who is presently unemployed because of his militant stand against King Sugar.

King and Jagan had to move on to another meeting after Adelphi, but the people held on to them and refused to let them depart. They had so much to say and they wanted to have a thorough look at them and to assure them that Ajodha would win.

When they moved into Mohamed Khan's district, the response was even greater. At Skeldon—another sugar estate—in the packed cinema, with people hanging out of windows and blocking all entrances, the people stood up and cheered as the P.P.P. candidates entered.

Tried to gag him

Comrade Khan told them how the sugar people with the collaboration of the police had tried to have him certified as a mental case several years ago when he challenged the accuracy of the scales weighing canes cut by sugar estate workers. When that failed, the police beat him and threw him in solitary confinement, but he was eventually released without a charge being made.

Mohamed Khan, a rice farmer, is young, dynamic, with a luxuriant beard and a ringing voice. The people love him for the solid work he has done for them and for his activities in building the Party in his far-away district. At that meeting they collected \$34 for his campaign expenses.

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out schools, and there is the natural population increase to be considered. The pseudo-economists on their own estimation will then only reduce unemployment to 12% of the labour force. The Testament demands population control and emigration (?) for the unfortunate remainder, some 70 to 80,000—to be disposed of like rabbits, kittens, machines, or colonial slaves.

(b) The finance capital is to be acquired by increased *indirect taxation*. That means *you*. This means higher prices, taxes on cinema seats, household commodities, shoes, toothpaste, cigarettes, clothes, etc.

Could Lord Lyle spare a penny in *Direct Taxation*, income tax, profits tax, or a capital levy? What about the houses of Flynn in Portland? Any chances of taking a few dollars from the U.S. aluminium monopoly that is scouring St. Ann, Manchester and Clarendon?

(c) "The creation of additional employment for the working-classes will largely depend on . . . an expectation of reasonably low labour costs."

P.P.P. CANDIDATES

Northwest—Amos Rangela
Pomeroon—Pandit Siridhar Misir
Essequibo—Janet Jagan
Essequibo Islands—Dr. Sirpaul Jagan
Demerara—Essequibo—Fred Bowman
West Bank Demerara—Jai Narine Singh
East Bank Demerara—Dr. Lachmansingh
Demerara River—George Younge
South Georgetown—Ashton Chase
South Central Georgetown—Clinton Wong
Central Georgetown—Jessie Burnham
North Georgetown—F. O. Van Sertima
Northeast Georgetown—L. F. S. Burnham
West Central Demerara—Ram Karran
Central Demerara—Sydney King
East Central Demerara—Jane Phillips-Gay
Mahaica—Mahaicony—Pandit Soma Persaud
Western Berbice—S. Lachmansingh
Berbice River—Ajodha Singh
New Amsterdam—Martin Carter
Eastern Berbice—Dr. Hanoman
Corentyne Coast—Cheddi Jagan
Corentyne River—Mohamed Khan

On that very evening, five of the candidates opposing him held a meeting with the object of getting four to withdraw in order to try to defeat Khan. The five self-seekers could not decide who should be left to contest and so they are still in the battle, actually strengthening Khan's chances. Shouts could be heard at 1.30 a.m. down the street—"Vote P.P.P."

Feeling high

In Cheddi Jagan's district, feeling is high. "Man, don't worry your head here—go out in the districts and spend your time where you're needed most," is the cry heard throughout his constituency, as the people assure him that the two opposing candidates will lose their deposits.

At No. 48 Village, the touring P.P.P. candidates found themselves in a dilemma. It was a Hindu religious holiday—the birthday of Ram—and some people wanted them to go ahead with the scheduled meeting, while others said they should wait until the temple services were over. Eventually two meetings were held, even though their schedule for the day already included seven meetings.

When they returned after the religious functions, all the women of the village turned out in one of the most colourful meetings ever seen. They spread out on the grass under a big tree, in their saris and brightly coloured frocks, while the priest in dhoti presided. An eleven-year-old girl opened the meeting with one of the most brilliant speeches. The candidates then addressed the meeting and advised the women how to vote, for this will be the first time they have ever gone to the polls.

The recent arguments put forward by the representatives of the aluminium magnates, negotiating with the National Workers' Union, is only a mild warning.

"Unreasonable"

Note carefully the support that one of the sons of Jamaica gives to the foreign investors. Mr. Lighthourne, chief of the Industrial Corporation, a local capitalist with business interests in Birmingham, England, provided a wonderful lesson for the "socialist-apologists" under the spell of the Manley dynasty. He is opposed to "unreasonable" wage demands.

This was the unkindest cut of all . . .

(d) The ascent is on agricultural exploitation, and possibly related industries. There Yanks find "serious handicaps" in the way of industrial progress—but they didn't say, for whom? Could U.S.A. business fear competition in this field? For our part, we could resort to protective Tariffs for our local industries and prevent the complaints like those of Sir K. des Santas of Alstons Ltd. (Trinidad).

Colonialism by Bribery

This is the skeleton of a 4-point plan to re-

"Happy-Happy"

In the evening, still in Cheddi Jagan's constituency, they addressed a Negro community. When Janet Jagan came in, an enthusiast insisted that the meeting stop until she was personally introduced to every woman. While they spoke one man kept bursting forth with "happy-happy!" and eventually could contain himself no longer, but had to interrupt the speaker to tell the audience to listen carefully and vote P.P.P.

In New Amsterdam where they entered the stronghold of a well-entrenched candidate, the Party's man Martin Carter met bitter opposition. Despite efforts by well-organised heckling, the Party succeeded in holding a large section of the big audience on their side. The indications are that the fortress there is being penetrated very well.

Thousands come

In Georgetown, people are turning out by the thousands to P.P.P. meetings. While the newspapers build up and advertise the other candidates and their meetings—and never mentions the P.P.P.—everyone turns out to the Party's meetings.

The Party's Chairman, L. F. S. Burnham, is tremendously popular in the city and there seems little doubt that he will win his seat.

Ashton Chase, the Party's brilliant trade unionist, is sailing high in his working class district constituency. The people love him and though the capitalists have thrown in their most popular "darling," Peter D'Aguiar, to defeat him, it is not likely that they shall succeed.

People want meetings every night in Georgetown.

"Vote Bougie"

Janet Jagan inaugurated her campaign on the Essequibo Coast on Friday. She was herself surprised at a meeting where about 200 to 300 people were expected and 2,000 actually turned up. The people have nick-named her "bougie," which means "brother's wife," and throughout the district could be heard "Vote Bougie."

Sugar worker Fred Bowman has a tough fight (Demerara-Essequibo), but indications are that he will lead in this constituency which has three large sugar estates.

Popular Sydney King should win easily. When he returned from his European trip recently, the people of Buxton turned out wild-happy to greet him. He is fighting his home seat.

Party treasurer Ram Karran stands an excellent chance, and so does that little fighting woman, Jane Phillips-Gay, Secretary of the Guiana Industrial Workers Union, as does its President, Dr. Lachmansingh.

tard Jamaica; Tie-up production by loans in a debtor nation station, pay lip service to self-Government, and ideologically try to deny the class structure of modern society.

"The programme will demand of the Government and people a degree of single-mindedness and co-operation which has not hitherto been evident . . ."

Post-war Imperialism is increasingly turning to the use of local puppets; London bankers still boast:

"The sugar crop in Mauritius was purchased by the United Kingdom under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement . . . (As if we Colonials could do otherwise!) The prosperity of the colony is, of course, vulnerable to a fall in world sugar prices." Sir Kenneth Mealing, Chairman, Mercantile Bank of India, London, 31/3/53.

This bond is more secure than the myth of Royalty.

It is a credit to our nationhood that no longer the foreign investor or civil servant is feared or treated with awe.

But beware! Here are many pitfalls. The Report received above, in conjunction with I.C.F.T.U. official agencies, are hard at work.

Latest news of the co-operation of Press, (Turn to next page)

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL NEWS

ACTIVE preparations are being made in Bucharest by the Rumanian youth to welcome young people from all over the world for the 4th World Youth Festival from 2nd August to the 16th.

A big stadium is being constructed in time for the Festival, although it was originally scheduled to be completed in three years. It will seat 70-80 thousand persons. The sports and the training grounds are being built in the vicinity of an artificial lake covering several acres, and close to an open air theatre with 3,500 seats. Everywhere there are squares, fountains, pools, flowers and trees.

PROGRAMME

The Festival programme includes : demonstrations and other big events, meetings of the delegations, cultural performances and competitions, sports competitions, a film festival, friendship socials, visits, etc. The full programme is being published in "Festival," the weekly paper of the International Preparatory Committee, specially designed for giving news and information on the progress of the Festival preparations. It is free of charge, and contains many interesting pictures.

COST

The cost for the full period of the Festival in Bucharest will be £37 and for the shorter period, that is, for those who can only get away for two weeks including travelling time, the cost will be £33.

For further details of the Festival, fill in the form below and post it right away. The sooner you start saving up and making preparations the better.

If you wish to receive the weekly newspaper, "Festival," please indicate.

**To WEST INDIAN
Festival Committee**
17 Bishop's Bridge Road,
London, W.2.

Please send me more details of the World Youth Festival in BUCHAREST.

Name

Address

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Radio and Education Departments augurs of an unequalled propaganda barrage. This is an indication of the foreign investors' panic. The 19th Century rush for gold, Colorado, U.S.A., pales into insignificance beside this West Indian stampede for bauxite—our claim is staked.

The Report of the World Bank Mission, led by the U.S. Wall Street mogul, Mr. Eugene Black, admits that our real asset is our plentiful supply of labour, AND THE BAUXITE.

MALAN IS RIDING FOR A HEAVY FALL

by ROLLY SIMMS

LOVERS of justice and democracy have been dismayed by the apparent success of Malan's fascist policies in the recent South African elections. There is more to Malan's success than meets the eye.

South Africa has a total population of approximately 12,550,000, of which 8 million are Africans, 1½ million Asians, 1 million Coloureds, and 2,400,000 are Europeans.

However, under the type of democracy which Malan champions, his "nationalist" won the elections by receiving 598,297 votes. His chief opponents—the United Party and Labour Party polled together 610, 804 votes. They, however, lost the elections. Malan got 94 seats while the United Party had 57.

Rotten System

It is rotten systems such as this that British and American politicians describe as "Western Democracies." It is for this that South African troops are fighting in Korea.

The victory for Malan's fascist policy was not due merely to an undemocratic election system. Far more fundamental was the election programme put forward by the United Party, which took the same standpoint as Malan's fascist programme, that Europeans in South Africa had to be saved from non-Europeans, irrespective of the fact that the United Party claimed it would be less ruthless in applying racial segregation and that it would call a conference of the different races in South Africa.

By accepting the main contention of Malan's Programme it was bound to have the overall effect of strengthening the fascists. Fascism cannot be beaten by double talk.

Democratic Forces

But there are loyal men and women in South Africa among all races who can never be cowed by Malan. Speaking on the elections, Mr. Yusuf Cachalia, Secretary of the South African Indian Congress, said :

"The United Party is now a dead force. The hier-

archy of the Broederbond (secret fascist organisation, pledged to uphold white supremacy. Malan and his cronies are members) must in time affect the whites as much as the non-Whites. It is time for a realignment of forces in South Africa, and Whites and non-Whites must join forces."

The ground for such co-operation has already been prepared by the close association of the South African National Congress (Africans), South African Indian Congress (Asians), the Franchise Council (Coloureds) and the South African People's Congress (European). Unity between these organisations can root out the vile cancer of fascism that Malan has been spreading.

Central Africa

Malan's filthy ideas are not confined to South Africa. They have been spreading into Central Africa under the guise of "Central African Federation." Under this type of Federation, complete political power would rest with under 200,000 whites while the 5½ million Africans of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland would be, in effect, without representation.

Southern Rhodesian Europeans in the recent poll for federation cast 23,570 votes for and 14,729 against, and this was one of the heaviest polls in the history of the country. A mere handful of European settlers.

Few Europeans

In Northern Rhodesia there are only 17,000 Europeans all told, and in Nyasaland only 4,000. It is evident that federation of these territories with the whites in the political leadership, is only one short step from Malan taking over.

Even if the whites were against Malan's fascist policies they would be hard-pressed to keep their independence. Needless to say there is not the slightest sign that they are opposed to Malan. Furthermore, the large imperialist mineowners and industrialists would welcome such a takeover by Malan.

West Indians at home and overseas can help the people of South Africa in their fight against fascism by boycotting South African goods, sending greetings to the organisations of the democratic South Africans, and what is of paramount importance, exposing the British and American imperialists who support Malan.

BANK RECOMMENDS Ruthless Turn-out from Schools

From our Jamaica Correspondent

THE Yankee capitalists, through the World Bank, have decided to stick their noses into education in Jamaica's schools.

This glorious "World Bank" recommended in its report that the periods of school age in primary schools be reduced to four years, and that those children who did not attend 66% school days should be turned out "ruthlessly."

This recommendation was unanimously rejected by educationists attending the all-island Educational Conference.

"That scheme," said Mr. Houghton, the Director of Education, "has some attraction. It is simple, ruthless, and would be effective in getting more children into schools. But it would also increase the number of children reaching adulthood without proper primary education."

Mildly put indeed !

The Conference, however, accepted a scheme des-

cribed as an experiment in some of the primary schools, by which children will attend school half-day only, one group in the morning and another in the afternoon. The teacher, therefore, teaches two groups in one day.

Mr. Houghton pointed out that in Jamaica, for 210,000 pupils there were 4,100 teachers—including headmasters and specialists. This worked out to an average of 50 pupils to a teacher, but if the number of headmasters and specialists were excluded the average would be even greater.

Highest Average

He said this was the highest average in the British West Indies, and himself supplied the obvious comment : "It is the biggest condemnation of our educational system." To this we may add, what a condemnation of colonialism, which keeps an additional 150,000 from attending school in Jamaica.

The director explained that this part-time education was not being done to lower the standard of education, or to save money just for the sake of saving, and reassured, "don't think it degrading to send your child to school half-day. It was done in Lancashire, England. Children worked half-day and attended school the other half."

Must we go back to those conditions to "educate" our children ?



At the Vienna Conference, L to R, Ferdinand Smith, Pearl Branch, John Rojas

West Indian Trade Unionists Speak in London

DESPITE inclement weather on Sunday afternoon, 13th April, about seventy persons attended the Federation meeting of the C.L.C. (London Branch) at the Holborn Hall. This was on the eve of the Colonial Office's West Indian Federation talks at which representatives from 12 West Indian territories will be present. The difference, however, is that the C.L.C. advocates a West Indian Federation as desired by the people for their betterment, instead of creating opportunities for a few so that they may help to keep the many down.

The chair was occupied by comrade R. Chandisingh. Guest speakers were: Miss Pearl Branch, General Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary Group of Oil Field Workers Union of Trinidad, Mr. John Rojas, President of the Trinidad T.U.C., and Mr. Ferdinand Smith, Assistant Secretary of the W.F.T.U., who is a Jamaican. The speakers were returning to the West Indies from Vienna where they attended the W.F.T.U. sponsored Conference on Social Security.

Mr. Rojas spoke on trade union work in the West Indies. He gave a survey of W.F.T.U. from 1945 when it was inaugurated to the present.

An important point he brought to light is the manner in which the I.C.F.T.U. glossed over the two questions the Trinidad T.U.C. asked at the conference in Trinidad to which I.C.F.T.U. invited them. The questions were only about I.C.F.T.U.'s intended role in the

West Indies and the action they contemplated taking in regard to Kenya and other Colonial sore spots.

The next speaker, Miss Pearl Branch, rose amidst loud cheers. So proud were West Indians and other friends to see so young a woman engaged in so important and far reaching a task—that of being in the forefront of the liberation struggle—that supreme silence reigned in the audience while she spoke.

In a clear, sweet and determined voice, Pearl told of the Women's Auxiliary Oil Workers group and their aims and objectives. Among them are: educational, political, social and economical advancement for women.

In Practice

She remarked how constructive the Social Security Conference in Vienna to which she was a delegate had been, and the very friendly atmosphere that prevailed. In Poland where she spent some time on tour, she was able to see in practice social security for the people's benefit.

When Ferdie Smith rose to speak he opened by asking all the men in the audience to pay their respects to Pearl and West Indian women by standing. This was done with alacrity.

He emphasised that the federation the people wish is that which will prevent the financial airts that they so often boast of giving.

Such aids are unnecessary according to the resources of the West Indies. The whole trouble is that the resources are being plundered. He mentioned that West Indians in England can play a great part in achieving the goal.

Great Response

When asked how the women were brought into activity Pearl said that the necessity of support for the male oil workers was realised and an appeal was made by some women through loudspeakers. This enthused the rest and there was great response, especially when a mother of nine children declared her preference to die fighting rather than to live in bondage.

NEWS has recently been received from Jamaica that Pearl Branch and John Rojas were detained at the airport in that colony where they had to call en route to Trinidad.

It is reported that the police department disowned knowledge of their whereabouts. Friends suspecting the trick, hurried to the airport where they were held. As they greeted them, an Inspector of Police ordered them to board the plane in preparation to leave.

This sort of treatment to West Indians by hangers-on who find a haven in the colonies is strongly resented. Protests against this latest outrage should flood the Governor's office and the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

League A.G.M.

THE League of Coloured Peoples, which should be a memorial to the late Dr. Moody, its founder, is seemingly stirring from the slumber it had fallen into.

On the 2nd April, 1952, in their premises at 3 Robert Street, London, N.W.1, the Annual General Meeting was held. It was truly inspiring to see the large attendance.

After the opening remarks of the president, Dr. D. Pitt, an account of the last years work and plans for the future were given by Mr. Sam Morris the Secretary. The discussions arising from the Secretary's report were of a healthy and edifying nature, even though at times very heated.

Owing to the late hour the meeting had to be brought to a close after the election of officers. Thus an important matter like the financial report could not be dealt with. It is hoped that the remainder of the agenda which includes this report will be discussed at a subsequent meeting of which members will be duly informed.

Unfortunately the following short-comings must be brought to attention:

1. The late start of one hour after scheduled time.
2. The position of the financial report on the agenda.
3. The failure to mention any of the distasteful happenings in Africa—especially Kenya.

Regarding the 3rd point, it should never be forgotten that the League is a broad organisation of coloured peoples. Therefore at all times any infringement on the rights of coloured peoples of any part of the world should be challenged, and our views recorded accordingly. This duty we owe to our supporters in distant places and to the lasting memory of the valiant Dr. Moody.

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